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SUMMARY MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE** OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS FOR DECEMBER 19, 2007, HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 110 E MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair Burch.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Kendra Burch, Bob Cowan, Len Pacheco, and Marico Sayoc  
Members Absent: Phil Micciche  
Staff Present: Sandy Baily, Associate Planner

**VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Property owners for 26 Oak Hill Way requested to discuss preliminary plans with the Committee. Staff was directed to put the matter on their next agenda as other business.

ITEM 1: **15344 NATIONAL AVENUE**

The Committee reconsidered a request to demolish a pre-1941 single family residence. Burch moved to recommend approval of the application to the Development Review Committee based on the following findings:

1. The structure is not historically significant.
2. The building is not associated with any events that have made a significant contribution to the Town.
3. No significant persons are associated with the site.
4. The structure is not architecturally significant and has no architectural character. There are no distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction or representation of work of a master.
5. Based on the information in the structural report, the building is in a deteriorated condition.

Pacheco seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 2: **322 ALMENDRA AVENUE**

The Committee considered a request for a modification to a previously approved application to construct a second story addition to a pre-1941 single family residence in the Almond Grove Historic district. Pacheco moved to recommend approval of the modifications to the Director of Community Development subject to the condition that the spacing on the balcony railing be consistent with the railing on the lower deck.

Burch seconded, motion passed unanimously. The Committee strongly encouraged the applicant to replace the existing garden window with an historic style window and to change the existing wood shingle on the chimney to a brick veneer.

ITEM 3: **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. 68 Fairview Plaza – The Committee evaluated the new information provided to justify that the house was not a contributor to the Fairview Plaza Historic District. The applicant was commended for the documentation provided. The Committee concurred that the architectural style and the historic background of the house provided in the Town's Historic Resources Inventory was incorrect based on the documents provided and that the structure is clearly not a contributor to the District. As part of the Residential Design Standard update, and revisions to the residential historic district ordinance update, the Committee will recommend that the structure be removed from the contributor list.
- b. 222 Bella Vista Avenue – The Committee discussed the relocation of a pre-1941 single family house for a lot split. The Committee felt a subdivision was possible but expressed concern that the siting of the house and the architectural style of the proposed house would be very important to evaluate. The existing wall was recommended to be maintained or reconstructed on the new lot. Applicant was encouraged to return under other business with a site plan showing the location of the homes, driveways, etc and preliminary plans of the changes proposed for the existing house.
- c. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – The Committee discussed several scenarios and directed staff to prepare a draft ordinance amendment. The Committee concurred that the alley, Victory Lane, should be treated as a street since it has a lot of public exposure and adds to the historic character of the downtown.
- d. Residential Design Guidelines – The Committee discussed the contributor list for Historic Districts. The members will get back to staff on what structures should be removed and added. As discussed above in item a, 68 Fairview Plaza is proposed to be removed from the contributor list.

ITEM 4: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of November 9, 2007 were approved.

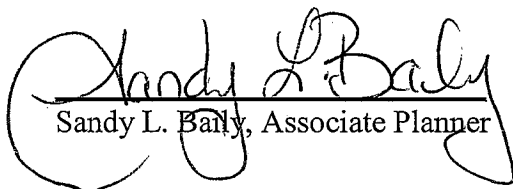
ITEM 5: **STATUS OF PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS**

Baily discussed the status of previous applications.

ITEM 6: **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. to the next regular meeting of January 16, 2008.

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Approved by:

  
Kendra Burch, Chair

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